(a) the total revenue earned by the Government through advertisement on Doordarshan during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there is a continuous increase in revenue during this period;

(c) whether this increase has been made through utilisation of time or other methods;

(d) if so, the names of the serials for which maximum advertisements have been received;

(e) whether the Government propose to utilise this income for opening of new Kendras and to increase its coverage; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The gross revenue earned by Doordarshan from its commercial advertisements during the last three financial years, yearwise is as under:

1990–91	Rs. 253.85 crores
1989–90	Rs. 210.13 crores
1988–89	Rs. 161.26 crores

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The gross revenue has increased due to better utilisation of time and revised advertisement rates.

(d) The following are the names of the serials which have earned maximum revenue for Doordarshan through advertisements:

1. Tipu Sultan
2. Chanakya
3. Mrignayani
4. Gul Gulshan Gulfam
5. Udaan

(e) and (f). Revenue earned by Doordarshan from its commercial service is credited to a non–lapsable fund. Accruals to this fund are utilised for setting up new studios/facilities for increasing coverage.

[*Translation*]

Flour and Rice Mills in U.P. and M.P.

3129. SHRI BALRAJ PASI:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the small and modern flour and rice mills set up in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh during 1991 against the target; and

(b) the names of the districts where these mills have been set up in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). No targets have been fixed by the Central Government. Information regarding number of rice mills/flour mills set up in each district is being collected from the concerned State Governments and will be laid on the table of the House.

Foreign Loan outstanding against Indian Airlines

3130. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign loan in Indian currency outstanding against the Indian Airlines till December, 1991;

(b) the steps being taken for reducing this loan;

(c) whether it is fact that the pilots were paid for the flights during the period of cancellation of the flights of Airbus A–320 from October, 1989 to November, 1990; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Foreign currency loans amounting Rs. 1825.88 crores were outstanding as on 31st December, 1991.

(b) The outstanding loans would get reduced on repayment of instalment of principal as per agreed schedules with the lenders. These commitments are being discharged as and when they fall due.

(c) and (d). Consequent to grounding of Airbus A–320 aircraft, advances amounting to Rs. 40.20 lakhs were given to the A–320 pilots between June, 1990 and November, 1990 to mitigate their financial hardship.

[*English*]

S.T.D. Facilities to Gram Sabhas

3131. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Sabhas that have been provided with the S.T.D. facility by the end of 1991;

(b) the target fixed for providing S.T.D. facility to the Gram Sabhas for 1992–93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The proposal for providing STD facility to Gram Sabhas is under consideration.

[*Translation*]

Pending Power Projects of U.P.

3132. SHRI RAM PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON–CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the power projects in Uttar Pradesh under consideration of the Union Government;

(b) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared;

(c) whether any Hydro–electric projects in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh is also under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON–CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The proposals of National Thermal Power Corporation to instal Rihand Super Thermal Power Station (Stage II) (2x500 MW) and Farukhabad Gas Based Combind Cycle Project (800 MW), as well as Belthera Road Thermal Power Project (3x250 MW) of the State sector are at present pending for various clearances with the Central Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does nor arise.